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Attorney Docket No. 02481.1743

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
E. UHLMANN et al.)
Application No.: 09/835,371)
Filed: April 17, 2001)
For: POLYAMIDE NUCLEIC ACID)
DERIVATIVES AND AGENTS AND)
PROCESSES FOR PREPARING THEM)

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to a Restriction/Election of Species Requirement dated September 17, 2002. It is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time and the fee required to extend the shortened statutory period for response up to **February 19, 2003** (February 17, 2003, being a national holiday and the PTO being closed on February 18, 2003).

Prior to examination of the application, please amend it as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraphs 88, 90, 92, and 94 as follows:

[088] The preparation was effected, in a 1 μ mol synthesis, in an analogous manner to that described in Example 2. However, after the carboxy terminus and the PNA moiety had been synthesized, a hydroxyethylglycine-based building block having thymine as the nucleobase (oegT) was coupled on in the last cycle. After the Dmt group was eliminated, the free hydroxyl